

Board Members present:

Steven Tower

John Cox

Allen Iskiwitz

Jackie Johns

Cindy Sanders, acting Chair/secretary

Ex-officio:

Matt Pepper, MAS Administrator

Old Business:

Appointments to MAS Board - pending in Mayor's office - Same response as last month.

GPS system

Process discussed regarding reclaiming animal. Legal has developed a process for owners to pay the \$200 intact animal fee. If neuter is eventually performed, the money is refunded. Shelter processes money.

Board questions if this is in conflict with State law requiring money to be held in escrow for a s/n fund.

Credit card will be in service at end of March.

New Business:

Report by Matthew Pepper, MAS Administrator

Feb. Adoption Event - extremely positive event.

March - partnering with Zoo.

70 placements so far in March.

Redbirds in April.

Dog Park Anniversary - tree planting

MAS graphs indicating adoptions submitted to Board.

John Cox -

There should be stand-by officers and that would offer relief from overtime.

Must have accountability from EMA on actual time spent by MAS on calls.

Allen Iskiwitz-

Status of credit cards

Possibility of MAS to hold adoption event at Harbor Town.

Jackie Johns-

Problem with lack of information in address histories. Established that Dispatch is responsible for recording officer's response.

Status of Petco Grant.

Are logs currently being checked regarding officers return to shelter hours before end of shift.

Cindy Sanders-

Problem with officers booking in Div. 2. Time wasted while officers wait 1-2 hours for traffic cases to be called. Div. 2 on has city jurisdiction, can't enter bench warrants, most charged are no shows.

Steven Tower-

GPS systems - spoke with Garmin. Matt has info.

Waste of manpower, inability to establish accountability.

Matt Pepper -

Will speak with Chameleon to research possibilities regarding GPS.

In April will announce when Petco Grant will begin to be dispersed.

MAS will revisit court assignment problems.

Many owners refuse to complete owner surrender forms.

EMA will begin to dispatch, releasing an officer from dispatch duty.

Board presentation to Matt Pepper on first year anniversary.

Floor opened to public

Beverly King - public should not be kept from entering stray area to adopt. Until Pepper, all animals except most vicious/sick were available to be adopted. City is keeping public out to hide mistakes.

MAS response - public is shown adoptable animals that come from stray area.

Board response - Miami/Dade allows public in to see strays and adoptable animals. Allowed more time to spend with potential adopters.

Anne Marie Easton - M/D has up to date book with photos and allows public to select animal with disclaimer regarding temperament/illness.

MAS response - strays are mostly pit bulls.

Michelle Buckalew - 13- 15% of animals at shelter available to be viewed. Potential for large scale adoption events to be held weekly.

MAS response - people are welcome to come to the shelter any business day to adopt.